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SUBJECT: MUKACHEVO CEMETERY

REF: STATE 5053

1. CONSOFF HAD DISCUSSION WITH A JEWISH RESIDENT OF MUKACHEVO, WHO IS EMIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES. HE STATED THAT THE LOCAL CITY AUTHORITIES HAVE CLOSED THE OLD CEMETERY. THEY HAVE PROMISED TO BUILD A NEW JEWISH CEMETERY IN THE SUBURBS (PRIGORODI) OF THE CITY NEAR THE PRESENT CHRISTIAN CEMETERY. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE THE CEMETERY IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED, PEOPLE AT PRESENT DO VISIT IT.

2. EMIGRANT ALSO STATED THAT THE AREA ADJOINING THE OLD CEMETERY WILL BE USED FOR A MUNICIPAL CENTER, BUT THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY IMMEDIATE PLANS TO DESTROY THE CEMETERY.

3. COMMENT: LIKE MANY OTHER RECENT EMIGRANTS FROM MUKACHEVO, THIS MAN NOTED THE WEAKNESS OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO SYNAGOGUE IN MUKACHEVO AND JEWISH RELIGIOUS LIFE IS AT A VERY LOW EBB. MANY JEWS HAVE LEFT MUKACHEVO FOR ISRAEL OR THE UNITED STATES AND MANY MORE HAVE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO GO. END COMMENT.

4. POL COUNSELOR INFORMALLY QUERIED SHCHERBAKOV OF COUNCIL  
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OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS JANUARY 13. SHCHERBAKOV SAID THE SITUATION REMAINED SAME AS HE HAD INFORMED RABBI SCHNEIER A MONTH AGO WHILE VISITING U.S.: A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO SETTLE THE CEMETERY PROBLEM HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE MUKACHEVO CITY COUNCIL. NO DECISION, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, HAS BEEN TAKEN AND HE DOUBTED WHETHER ANY WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE SPRING. HIS PERSONAL ADVICE WAS NOT TO RAISE THE ISSUE IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE A DECISION NOW

BUT TO POSTPONE AN APPROACH UNTIL SPRING.

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